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GOVERNOR CULVER: IOWA PUTTING FEDERAL FUNDS TO WORK FOR JOBS, INFRASTRUCTURE

Iowa DOT awards \$56 million in highway, bridge projects using stimulus funds

DES MOINES – Iowa is wasting no time putting federal stimulus funds to work as transportation officials award their first construction projects using stimulus dollars, Governor Chet Culver announced today. Within three days of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act being signed into law, 19 highway and bridge projects totaling more than \$56 million are moving forward.

"Creating jobs by investing in our infrastructure is a critical step to turn around our economy," said Governor Culver. "As Governor, I want to make sure that we are putting federal stimulus funds to use as soon as we can in order to create and retain good jobs in Iowa."

Earlier today, Iowa Department of Transportation Director Nancy Richardson informed the Governor that the department was awarding 19 contracts worth \$56.6 million in highway and bridge projects using a portion of the approximately \$358.2 million in federal highway stimulus funding appropriated to Iowa. Bids for the projects were opened on Tuesday, the day that President Barack Obama signed the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law.

"By utilizing federal stimulus funding for these 'ready-to-go' projects the Iowa DOT will be able to accelerate or add other highway projects to the state's five-year transportation improvement program, something that would not have been possible without the stimulus funding," said Richardson.

Work will begin on the projects just as soon as weather conditions permit. This means hundreds of jobs for Iowa road builders and designers, increased demand for related supplies and services, and further economic development in Iowa around the improvements.

"The combination of federal stimulus funds along with my proposal to improve Iowa's infrastructure puts our state ahead of many places in the nation in being able to move our economy forward," added Governor Culver. "By helping businesses create good jobs, every aspect of our economy will benefit."

Below is a list of the 19 contracts awarded by the Iowa DOT:

County

Location and number of projects

Type of work

Contract amount

Contractor

Benton

U.S. 218, over Pratt Creek 0.7 mile south of Iowa 8 (one project)

Bridge replacement

\$1,048,906

Taylor Construction, New Vienna

Buchanan

Iowa 150, over Bear Creek 3.3 miles south of Independence (one project)

Bridge replacement

\$983,635

Taylor Construction, New Vienna

Clarke

I-35/U.S. 34, interchange west of Osceola (two tied projects)

Bridge replacement, grading and Portland cement concrete pavement

\$3,362,500

Herberger Construction, Indianola

Fremont

I-29, over Plum Creek 0.5 mile south of Fremont Co. Rd. J-24 (includes two bridges and paving of the northbound and southbound lanes); I-29, over Fremont Co. Rd. J-24 (includes two bridges and paving of the northbound and southbound lanes); I-29, from 1.5 mile north of Fremont Co. Rd. J-26, north to 1.5 mile north of Co. Rd. J-24 (concrete overlay of northbound lanes and hot-mix asphalt resurfacing of southbound lanes) (three tied projects)

Bridge replacements and pavement overlays

\$16,629,263

Godbersen-Smith Construction Co., Ida Grove

Lee

U.S. 61, at one location on U.S. 61 (Fort Madison bypass), just north of the Iowa 2 interchange (one project)

Reinforced concrete box culvert

\$126,319

Iowa Bridge and Culvert, Washington

Lee

U.S. 61, at one location on U.S. 61 (Fort Madison bypass), just south of Bluff Road (one project)

Reinforced concrete box culvert

\$299,530

Bloomfield Bridge and Culvert Inc., Bloomfield

Lee

U.S. 61, Fort Madison bypass from Iowa 2 northeast to south of Chalk Ridge Road (one project)

Grading

\$8,245,240

PCI, Reinbeck

Lee

U.S. 61, at one location on U.S. 61 (Fort Madison bypass) at the Lee Co. Rd. J-40 interchange; U.S. 61, Fort Madison bypass from Lee Co. Rd. J-40 east to just east of Lee Co. Rd. X-32; and U.S. 61, at one location on Lee Co. Rd. X-32, just north of the interchange of Lee Co. Rd. X-32 and U.S. 61 (Fort Madison Bypass) (three tied projects)

Reinforced concrete box culverts and grading

\$6071,927

Steger Construction Inc., Dyersville

Mills

I-29, southbound and northbound over Saint Mary's Creek, 0.9 miles south of Iowa 370; and I-29, from 3 miles north of the north junction of U.S. 34 north to the Pottawattamie County line (Includes two bridges and overlays of the northbound lanes and southbound lanes) (two tied projects)

Bridge replacements and pavement overlays

\$14,458,383

Western Engineering Inc., Harlan

Monona

I-29, southbound over Robinson Ditch, 3.1 miles south of the Woodbury County line (one project)

Bridge replacement

\$1,169,819

Dixon Construction, Correctionville

Plymouth

Iowa 3, over Big Sioux River north of Westfield (one project)

Border bridge replacement

\$1,842,961

(Iowa's share)

Dixon Construction, Correctionville

Pottawattamie

Iowa 92, over Keg Creek 2.7 miles west of Treynor (one project)

Bridge and approaches

\$1,142,159

Hawkins Construction, Omaha, Neb.

Pottawattamie

Iowa 92, over Middle Silver Creek 0.1 miles west of Treynor (one project)

Bridge and approaches

\$1,279,850

Hawkins Construction, Omaha, Neb.

Totals

19 projects

\$56,660,492

To see the location of these projects on a Google map, visit: [Iowa's first highway projects](#).

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